



**Date of Council Meeting:** February 23, 2015

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**Subject:** Final Destination of Leesburg Recycling Collections

**Staff Contact:** Tom Mason, Director of Public Works  
Betsy Fields, Research & Communications Manager

**Council Action Requested:** None.

**Staff Recommendation:** None. Informational item only.

**Commission Recommendation:** Not applicable.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Executive Summary:** Council Member Hammler requested a report on where recycling collected within the Town of Leesburg goes after collection.

**Background:** Recycling is collected in the Town of Leesburg as a single stream mix (all types of recyclable materials are mixed together in residents' recycling bins) by the Town's waste management contractor, Con-Serv Industries (CSI). CSI contracts with LFF Recycling to process the collected recycling. The Town's contractor collects all forms of paper (including mixed, magazines and catalogs, paperboard, cardboard), glass, tin and aluminum cans and bottles, plastics (type #1-#7), and polystyrene with a recycling triangle numbered between #1-#7.

LFF Recycling sorts, inspects and bales the various materials at their Sterling facility. Once processed, the recycled material is sold through materials brokers, including GP, Canusa Hershman, Eastern Recycling, Cellmark, Butler Paper Recycling, Alcoa and AMG Metals, to global mills and manufacturers that convert the recycled materials into new products. The specific manufacturers and their locations change with the market. The Town of Leesburg is not able to control where locally collected recycling materials are ultimately sold and processed.